

BOSSIER PARISH ONLY
SUGGESTED SCRIPT FOR COMMISSIONERS TO USE IN
CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION
September 6, 2008 ballot

COMMISSIONER TO FIRST CHECK PARTY REGISTRATION. Also must check on district in PRECINCT REGISTER for eligibility to vote on local issue on the ballot. For the September 6th election, voters registered as follows are eligible to vote as indicated:

- ✓ DEMOCRAT – eligible to vote on Democratic Party Ballot, if one, and may be eligible to vote on local issue;
- ✓ REPUBLICAN – eligible to vote on Republican Party Ballot, if one, and may be eligible to vote on local issue;
- ✓ NONE or OTHER (unaffiliated voter) – eligible to vote on Democratic Party Ballot, if one, and may be eligible to vote on local issue.
- ✓ GREEN – not eligible to vote in closed congressional primary election, but may be eligible to vote on local issue;
- ✓ LIBERTARIAN – not eligible to vote in closed congressional primary election, but may be eligible to vote on local issue;
- ✓ REFORM – not eligible to vote in closed congressional primary election, but may be eligible to vote on local issue;

If the Congressional Election is the on the ballot WITH A LOCAL ISSUE, the following scripts may be used:

1. “NONE” or “OTHER” (unaffiliated) registered voter:

Your name is in the precinct register as an unaffiliated registered voter (NONE/OTHER) and you are eligible to vote in the Democratic Primary, if one, if you choose to do so because the Democratic Party has opened their primary to unaffiliated voters. Do you want to vote in the Democratic Primary? (An unaffiliated voter is registered with an unrecognized party or no party) **If “district” column in precinct register shows they are eligible to vote on local issue:** You are also eligible to vote on the local issue on the machine.

If voter states that they are a registered Republican and eligible to vote in the Republican Primary, if one:

You may vote a provisional ballot by certifying that you are eligible to vote in this election, meaning you are a registered Republican. However, if you are not eligible, your vote will not be counted. You may vote your local issue on the voting machine, **IF ELIGIBLE**, but provisional voting is on paper.

2. Person’s name is NOT in precinct register and there is a local issue on the ballot:

Your name is not in the precinct register. Let me call the Registrar/Secretary of State’s office to see if this is incorrect. Ask Registrar/SOS office for party and district information if registered.

If registered, complete precinct correction form, and proceed under the appropriate script herein, depending on party registration and district.

If not registered: You are not eligible to vote in the election.

However, you may vote a provisional ballot for Congress by certifying that you are eligible to vote in this election, meaning that you are a registered voter and registered REP, DEM or an unaffiliated voter. However, if you are not eligible, your vote will not be counted. You may only vote a provisional ballot on paper. You may **not** vote on the local issue on the machine. Provisional voting is allowed in federal elections only. *Voter must choose which provisional ballot to vote, DEM or REP, if one.*

3. “GRN”, “LBT”, “RFM” registered voter:

Your name is in the precinct register as a registered (Green/Libertarian/Reform), so you are not eligible to vote in the congressional election because it is a closed party election and your party does not have a candidate on this ballot. **If “district” column in precinct register shows they are eligible to vote on local issue:** You are eligible to vote on the local issue on the machine.

However, you may vote a provisional ballot for Congress by certifying that you are eligible to vote in this election, meaning you are a registered REP, DEM or unaffiliated voter; however, if you are not eligible, your vote will not be counted. You may vote your local issue on the voting machine, IF ELIGIBLE, but provisional voting is on paper. *Voter must choose which provisional ballot to vote, DEM or REP, if one.*

(An unaffiliated voter is registered with an unrecognized party or no party)

4. “DEM” registered voter:

Your name is in the precinct register as a registered Democrat and you are eligible to vote in the Democratic Primary, if one. **If “district” column in precinct register shows they are eligible to vote on local issue:** You are also eligible to vote on the local issue on the machine.

If voter states that they are a registered Republican and eligible to vote in the Republican Primary, if one:

You may vote a provisional ballot by certifying that you are eligible to vote in this election, meaning you are a registered Republican. However, if you are not eligible, your vote will not be counted. You may vote your local issue on the voting machine, IF ELIGIBLE, but provisional voting is on paper.

5. “REP” registered voter:

Your name is in the precinct register as a registered Republican and you are eligible to vote in the Republican Primary, if one. **If “district” column in precinct register shows they are eligible to vote on local issue:** You are also eligible to vote on the local issue on the machine.

If voter states that they are registered Democrat or unaffiliated voter and eligible to vote in the Democratic Primary, if one:

You may vote a provisional ballot by certifying that you are eligible to vote in this election, meaning you are a registered Democrat or unaffiliated voter. However, if you are not eligible, your vote will not be counted. You can vote your local issue on the voting machine, IF ELIGIBLE, but provisional voting is on paper.